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Coordinating Board approves FY 2003 higher education budget request

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved a higher education budget request of nearly \$1.5 billion during its October meeting at Linn State Technical College.

The proposed FY 2003 budget, to be presented to the governor and the Missouri General Assembly in January, reflects Missouri's higher education funding needs and priorities for FY 2003 and beyond.

"We realize the outlook for our national and state economies and the impact on state revenue is unclear right now, especially in light of the recent tragic attacks on our country," said Dr. Kala M. Stroup, Missouri commissioner of higher education. "However, we need to continue to make funding recommendations that are in the best long-term interests of Missouri's students and institutions of higher education."

The budget request includes recommendations that directly support the Coordinating Board's new strategic plan, known as The Coordinated Plan



Marie Carmichael, Coordinating Board for Higher Education chair, presents a resolution honoring Dr. Ray Henry, who is retiring from the board, during the October CBHE meeting.

for Missouri Higher Education. The plan includes five key areas: student participation, student performance, institutional strength, public engagement and system strength.

To increase student participation in postsecondary education, the Coordinating Board approved a request of more than \$55.3 million for student financial assistance in FY 2003. The board oversees seven state student financial assistance programs as well as the Missouri Student Loan Program.

The board's new methodology used to develop operating budget recommendations for the state's colleges

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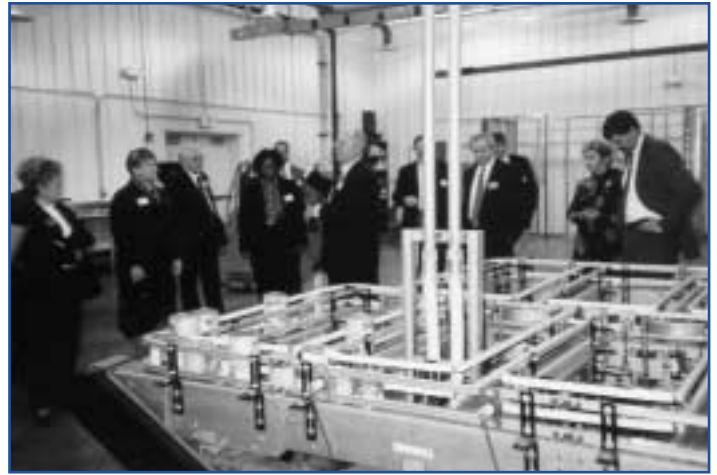
and universities emphasizes student performance and institutional strength. The public four-year institutions' proposed operating budgets include a total of \$17.4 million based on performance measures related to their respective missions and student success. The community colleges and Linn State Technical College received recommendations of \$6.8 million and \$169,000, respectively, for their results in the areas of student and institutional performance.

The board made several FY 2003 funding recommendations in support of public engagement. The Missouri Campus Compact is included as part of the recommendation for Southwest Missouri State University, who is coordinating the statewide effort to promote civic engagement and character development among the state's college students.

The FY 2003 request also includes \$4.8 million for the community colleges' targeted service initiatives and workforce development efforts that will support statewide priorities, including the life sciences industries in Missouri. More than \$2.9 million in funding recommended for the Advantage Missouri student financial assistance program also will advance Missouri's life sciences initiative by encouraging students to enroll in biotechnology and biomedical fields.

Strength of the higher education system as a whole is promoted through the FY 2003 funding recommendations for statewide priorities, including telecommunications-based programs and services such as the Missouri Learners' Network (\$300,300), MOBIUS (\$2.5 million) and MOREnet (\$15.9 million).

In addition to the operating budget recommendations, 29 capital improvement requests were approved, totaling \$7.3 million for the community colleges and \$158.4 million for the public four-year colleges and universities



Dr. Donald Claycomb, president of Linn State Technical College, (center) leads members of the Linn State Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education on a tour of the Linn State campus after a joint meeting of the two boards on October 10.

and Linn State Technical College.

Also during its meeting, the board received a summary of the institutional mission review activities that have occurred this year. Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State College and Missouri Western State College completed the second cycle of mission review.

The Coordinating Board also made appointments to a subdistricting committee for East Central College and approved subdistricting plans for the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, Mineral Area College, Crowder College, St. Louis Community College and Three Rivers Community College. The subdistricting plans divide the colleges' respective districts into subdistricts for the election of trustees. 🍏



**Linn State Technical College officials
and other dignitaries take part
in a ribbon-cutting ceremony
celebrating the grand opening
of the college's Information
Technology Center on October 4.**

Students called to duty receive loan, tuition relief

Gov. Bob Holden issued a press release on Oct. 12 announcing special loan repayment and tuition arrangements for Missouri college students who are part of the military mobilization resulting from the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the United States.

Under the U.S. Department of Education guidelines, the provisions apply to federal student loan borrowers who are members of the National Guard and Ready Reserves and who are called to active duty, as well as active members of the Armed Forces who may be reassigned to other duty stations, for more than 30 days.

Individual Missouri colleges and universities also are offering special arrangements for students called up for active military duty. Arrangements may vary by institution. Some will allow students who are called up and unable to complete an academic term to withdraw and receive a 100 percent refund of their tuition and fees. Students also could receive an incomplete until they return to finish their courses or could be allowed to complete their courses and receive their grades early. 🍷

**For more information,
contact MOSTARS at 1-800-473-6757
or icweb@mocbhe.gov.**

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William Jewell College —
named the liberal arts
College of the Year for
its program to help first-
year students make a
successful transition to
college life in the 2001
edition of The Best
College for You,
published by TIME
magazine.**

New leaders at Missouri colleges, universities

Name	Title	Institution
Dr. Terry Barnes	Interim President	Mineral Area College
Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts	President	Park University
Dr. Chad Freeman	President	Missouri Valley College
Mr. Thomas Gordon	President	Avila College
Mr. William P. McKenna	Interim President	Jefferson College
Dr. Patricia Nichols	President	St. Louis Community College at Forest Park
Dr. R. Philip Roberts	President	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Dr. James Scanlon	President	Missouri Western State College
Col. Kent Thomas	Acting Chancellor	Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains
Mr. Malcolm Wilson	President	Blue River Community College

Governor announces members of Life Sciences Research Committee

Gov. Bob Holden announced his appointments to the Missouri Life Sciences Research Committee, which will provide guidance to the state in issuing grants from the \$21.5 million of tobacco settlement money set aside for life sciences research.

"I have selected an extremely talented group of representatives from the life sciences industry, the business and scientific communities, and the field of advanced technology who have extensive expertise in the field of life sciences and its research applications," Holden said.

Dr. John Park, former chancellor of the University of Missouri-Rolla and president of Tortran Corporation, will chair the eight-member committee. Other appointees include:

- Dr. Ganesh Kishore, former president of the Nutrition Sector and chief biotechnologist for the Monsanto Company;
- Arnold W. Donald, chairman and CEO of Merisant Company, a St. Louis company committed to the production of health, nutritional and lifestyle products based on science and technology;
- Dr. William Longmore, professor emeritus of the Saint Louis University School of Medicine;
- Dr. Robert Morantz, a partner of Midwest Neurosurgery Associates, P.C. and staff neurosurgeon

at Research, Baptist, Menorah and St. Joseph hospitals in the Kansas City area;

- Dr. Jerry Caulder, retired founder of the plant science biotechnology company Akkadix Corporation;
- Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, associate professor with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Kansas Medical Center; and
- Dr. Mary Faith Marshall, bioethics officer and professor of medicine for the University of Kansas Medical Center and adviser to the Midwest Bioethics Center.

Members of the Missouri Life Sciences Research Committee will determine how the \$21.5 million is spent by recommending review process guidelines for research proposals, recommending research contracts for building research facilities and establishing priorities for funding projects. The committee will prepare a comprehensive report on the progress in life sciences research every three years.

Missouri is home to more than 300 life sciences firms, accounting for 170,000 direct jobs and indirectly supporting another 260,000 jobs. Overall, the life sciences contribute \$23 billion to Missouri's economy, or 13.5 percent of the gross state product. 🍷

Bass named pioneer in education

The Missouri State Board of Education honored John Bass, a member of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, as a Missouri Pioneer in Education in August.

The Pioneer awards are given to individuals who have made unique contributions to public education in the state or have had distinguished and far-reaching careers in education.

Bass has demonstrated a lifelong interest in education, research and public policy through his various roles

as educator, counselor, school administrator, professor, city official and legislator.

From the schoolhouse to the nation's capital, Bass's career has been characterized by a commitment to public education and by his ability to build partnerships with corporate leaders, elected officials, cultural and educational institutions, and community leaders.

Congratulations! 🍷



Coordinating Board for Higher Education member John Bass is honored as a Pioneer in Education by the Missouri State Board of Education.

MOSTARS awards default prevention grants

MOSTARS, the student assistance division of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, has initiated a program to award default prevention grants to Missouri postsecondary institutions with student loan default rates exceeding 10 percent.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 authorizes state-designated student loan guaranty agencies to use the interest earned on certain federal reserve funds for default prevention grant programs and other initiatives.

As a result, MOSTARS requested proposals from 64 institutions meeting the eligibility criteria for default prevention grants up to a maximum award of \$25,000

per institution. MOSTARS received 14 proposals and thus far has awarded 13 grants totaling \$290,434.

The default prevention activities funded by the grants include a wide range of initiatives, such as hiring staff to improve student retention rates and to contact borrowers as they enter repayment status or become delinquent on their loan obligations. MOSTARS will monitor the default prevention activities of the recipient institutions and measure the success of the various initiatives.

MOSTARS requested a second set of grant proposals from 39 Missouri institutions in October and expects to award grants by December. 🍏

DNR encourages alternative fuel use

According to a report issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center, the number of alternative fuel vehicles purchased by state agencies (including colleges and universities) has increased, but the use of alternative fuel in these vehicles has declined over the past year.

Alternative fuels such as E-85 ethanol, natural gas and propane are beneficial for the environment and the economy. Therefore, DNR is encouraging state employees to make an extra effort in using alternative fuel in the state's alternative fuel vehicles.

Gov. Bob Holden presented the final report of the Missouri Energy Policy Task Force during "Innovations in Energy," held at Northwest Missouri State University on Oct. 16. The celebration included the grand opening of Northwest's Animal-Waste-to-Energy Program, an alternative fuel production program housed in the university's Biomass Processing Center. 🍏



**Join us for the
2001 Governor's
Conference on
Higher Education**

**Missouri's Life
Sciences Alliance**

December 6

**Kansas City
Marriott Downtown**

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www.cbhe.state.mo.us**

CBHE *Calendar*

**Governor's Conference
and CBHE Meeting**

December 6, 2001
Marriott Downtown,
Kansas City

**CBHE and Presidential Advisory
Committee Meetings**

February 7, 2002
Jefferson City

**CBHE and Presidential Advisory
Committee Meetings**

April 11, 2002
Columbia College,
Columbia

**CBHE and Presidential Advisory
Committee Meetings**

June 6, 2002
East Central College,
Union

**CBHE and Presidential Advisory
Committee Meetings**

October 10, 2002
Harris-Stowe State College,
St. Louis

**Governor's Conference
and CBHE Meeting**

December 5, 2002
Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel,
Springfield

**Due to cuts in the state's
higher education budget,
the 2002 Statewide
Conference on Transfer
and Articulation has
been canceled.**

**The CBHE Committee
on Transfer and
Articulation will make
greater use of electronic
communication with
institutional
representatives to
continue work on
ensuring an effective
and efficient transfer
system for
Missouri students.**

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